

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

We rejoice with **Bonita Elgersma** that her knee replacement surgery went well and she is recovering at her home in Spirit Lake.

We extend our sympathies to **Michelle Westra** and her family at the passing of her grandmother, Twyla Jeter, this past Thursday.

LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD

Jake Altena Dave Hofman
Jesse Graves ~ Aubree, Sadie, Sutton

Prairie View Home

Thelma Elgersma Katy Vander Velde

Fieldcrest

Veda Bousema Hazel Kuiper

Sanford Senior Care

Harv Verbrugge

Village Northwest

David Van Oort Tim Mouw

Young Adult of the Week ~ Jordan Koekkoek is now living and working in Ames. His address is: 5460 Mortensen Rd, Unit #302, Ames, IA 50014

Thank you to everyone who donated food and helped with the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner!

CES Fundraiser: So many people helped in so many ways . . . donating food, peeling potatoes, working on Saturday and more. **Thanks to all** who pitched in! It's great to see our church working together for Christian education!

Cornerstone Prison Church "Christmas Sack" program

(monetary donations to purchase pre-packaged candy for the inmates) Send to Cornerstone Prison Church c/o Dave Vande Kamp, 801 South Gordon Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57110. In addition –

Donations of yarn would be appreciated! Some inmates make caps and mittens for those in need. Please set it in the Fireside Room.

FOOD BANK at Armory in Sheldon (920 Western Ave.) from 4:30 – 6 pm

**The poorest man is he whose
only wealth is money**

We warmly welcome all who have come to worship with us today. The ALS system is available for those with hearing impairments

WORSHIP NOTES ~ Second Sunday of Advent

Pastor Lee Christoffels will be leading us in worship next Sunday. Pastor Westra is taking some time off this week.

First Fruits committee – meet briefly before the evening service in the Pastor's Study.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

We plan to hold a **special 5:00 PM service** the evening of **Dec. 19** with various groups of people sharing music. The children will be singing and I want to encourage other groups to consider what Christmas songs or instrumentals you would like to offer. Please contact me with your plans as he is organizing the service. --Pastor Phil

At the **Congregation Meeting** last Monday evening, the Proposed 2022 Budget was approved unanimously.

FROM THE DEACONS: Thank you for your faithful giving in 2021! As of Dec. 1 we are within \$2500 of meeting our approved budget! Our Mission fund shows on report we are short, but this is only on what we took in offering in 2021. We started the year with a surplus in that account and we utilized it to meet our approved budget. Therefore we changed some of the regular offering slots for Mission fund for other items to meet all our obligations. Any surplus in these accounts will go towards the 2022 approved budget and mission fund.

Sunday Night Bible Study – this evening at 6:15 p.m. Bob & Linda O. lead Lesson 3 and provide lunch – you're welcome to join us!

Ladies and Girls! The **Christmas Tea** will be held in our Fellowship Hall on Wed., Dec. 15 at 7:00 p.m. Invite your family and friends for a short program and lunch. Bring a plate of goodies to share; and be sure to sign up in the Fellowship Hall this week so we know how many to set up for.

"Immerse" SERVE signup sheet on Lit. table – until Feb. 1. Prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve in the Lincoln, NE (June 14–19, 2022).

**Check for your pans, bowls, etc. on the table in the Fellowship Hall

Giving Tree – Grab an envelope to place your donation in in put in the Box below the Tree. (make checks to 'Sanborn CRC') Your gifts will go towards items on Love, INC's Personal Supply Closet list.

Food Drive needs for Upper Des Moines Opportunity (UDMO) and Love, INC. (slips w/ needs on table by the kitchen). You may bring these non-perishable items / your donation for the Giving Tree throughout Dec.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sanborn Christian is looking for someone, or a partnership, to serve as the **SCS janitor**. This is a part-time position that would start as soon as possible, and would be to complete this 2021-2022 school year and through the summer. Opportunity to continue long term would be desirable. Contact Mr. Minderhoud at sanchr@sanbornchristian.com or call 712-729-3288, or contact Brent Koldenhoven (Bldg. Comm. Chair)

Western Christian Events

WCHS Foundation Luncheon is Wed., December 8, at 12:30 PM. Join us in the Event Center, enjoy a meal served by students, and learn about the incredible ways God is working here at Western Christian.

Needed: Volunteers to help with the Alumni Newsletter on Tuesday, December 7, at 6:30 PM and Wed., December 8, at 9:00 AM.

*RSVP for the Luncheon or if you can help w/ Newsletters to Mr. Brad Vis brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com or 605-359-5704.

Western's Christmas Concert is Monday, December 13, at 7:00 PM in the Event Center.

Dordt University Events

Dordt's Chorale will present "*A Service of Lessons and Carols*" this evening at 8:00 p.m., celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ through song.

All of Dordt's Bands will present a concert Tues., Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

4th Avenue Jazz and Orchestra concert is Fri., Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

ALL concerts will be held in the B.J. Haan Auditorium and will be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/livestream

The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus would like to have you join them. On Tues., January 11, rehearsals will begin for **Mendelssohn's *Elijah***, for a performance on Saturday, April 30, 2022 in Christ Chapel at NW College. Rehearsals will be held each Tuesday, 7:30-9:30pm at NW Chapel. We encourage singers to be fully vaccinated or masked to minimize risk to all participants. Contact Mike Ochsner mkchsnr@gmail.com with questions.

Writing/Emailing Missionaries & Servicemen for December

Lee & Starla Reitsma, Ben & Tina Meyers,
Bill Roelfs, Nick & Sara Schilling

Calling/Visiting Senior Members ~ Dec. 5 - 11

(Sheldon) Tyler & Anna Van Ess (Sanborn) Gerrit & Carol Wiekamp

TODAY ~ December 5

PPoint: Amber Stange, Craig Solsma
Video: Karter Van Meeteren
Audio: Bob Oldenkamp
Doors: Larry Stanley
Nursery: Kassai M. , Claire Altena
CIW: Jessica Schreurs, Linda O.
Pianist: AM and PM Jamie Carlson
Offering: AM Budget, CES (Fair Share)
PM Benevolence
Hospitality: Rich & Joy Vander Werff
Dave & Ruth Hoogland
Larry & Shyla Stanley

Next Week -December 12

Koldenhoven's
Jeri Prins
Aaron Alons
Ray Elgersma
Paige De Kok, Aubree Graves
Jessica S., Maria Vander Velde
AM Carol W. PM Michelle W.
AM Budget, Building Fund
PM Love, INC
Larry & Alvina Reitsma
Nate & Catherine Schreur
Alice Zonnefeld

Sunday	10:50 – 11:40 a.m.	Sunday School and Catechism classes
	5:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service
	6:15 p.m.	Sunday Night Bible Study
Monday	6:00 p.m.	GEMS "Guys & Gals" Pizza and Bowling Christmas party – <u>bring donation for Love, INC/UDMO</u>
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Elders meeting

On Lit. Table: Int'l Seafarers newsletter, WCHS – FFA newsletter,
Longkumer's newsletter (also sent via email)

In Mailbox: Sunday Hospitality schedule (Jan – May)
Nov. Offering summary/Dec. Offering schedule

THE LORD'S DAY – December 5, 2021
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – LOVE
Pastor Phil Westra

IN HIS PRESENCE

Prelude: Jamie Carlson
Welcome & Announcements
Advent Candle Reading ~ LOVE
*Song: "**Angels from the Realms of Glory**" LUYH 81 vs 1 - 4
*God's Greeting
*Song: "**It Came Upon a Midnight Clear**" PB 10 vs 1, 2, 4

IN HIS GRACE

Call to Repentance: *Proverbs 19: 16*
Prayer of Confession
*Song: "**Living Hope**"
*Responsive Reading of Matthew 22: 37 - 39

Storytime with Shannon ~ "*Looking At the Outside*"
Song: "**Emmanuel, Emmanuel**"
Congregational Prayer

Offerings: 1st - **Budget** 2nd – **CES (Fair Share)**
Children's Offering – **Goats for World Renew**
3 – 6 year-olds ~ **Children in Worship:** L 18/Advent 2 "Mary & Joseph"

IN HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture: **John 13: 1 – 5, 12 – 17** (p 940)
Message: "**The Love of Christ**"
Prayer of Application

IN HIS SERVICE

*Song: "**Love Has Come!**" PB 6
*Parting Blessing
*Doxology: "**O Come, All Ye Faithful**" LUYH 76 vs 3
*Moment of Meditation
*Postlude

*stand if you are able

THE LORD'S DAY –December 5, 2021
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 5:00 P.M.
Pastor Phil Westra

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH PRAISE

Prelude: Jamie Carlson
Welcome and Announcements
*Call to Worship: *John 1: 14*
*Opening Prayer
*God's Greeting

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

*Songs: "**Angels We Have Heard on High**" LUYH 82
"**The Birthday of a King**" PB 5

Share Prayer Requests
Intercessory Prayer

Offering: **Benevolence**

OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

*Song: "**In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified**" LUYH 861 vs 1, 3, 4
Scripture: **Exodus 15: 1 - 18** (p 61)
Message: "**Glory to God Alone**"
Prayer of Application

OFFER YOURSELVES TO GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART

*Song: "**God of Grace and God of Glory**" LUYH 926 vs 1, 2, 4
*Parting Blessing
*Doxology: "**To God Be the Glory**" LUYH 956
*Moment of Meditation
*Postlude

*stand if you are able

Sermon Notes for Sunday Morning – December 5, 2021

“The Love of Christ” - John 13: 1 – 5, 12 - 17

Introduction: Five "Love Languages"

A. Christ's Love _____

1. Incarnation:

2. Rabbi:

3. Servant:

4. Sacrifice:

B. Christ's Love _____

1. Discipleship:

2. Influence:

3. Humility:

4. Blessing:

Sermon Notes for Sunday Evening – December 5, 2021

“Glory to God Alone” – Exodus 15: 1 - 18

Introduction: Theology --> Doxology

Why this Sola?

1. Result from Scripture, Christ, Grace, and Faith

2. Crucial Distinction

3. We often glory in _____

B. Spectrum from Value to Glory

1. Devotion:

2. Imitation:

3. Endurance:

C. Exodus Paradigm of Salvation

1. Freedom from _____

2. Freedom to _____

3. Jesus, the new _____

D. Our Worship Songs

1. Testify to _____

2. Retell _____ stories

3. Correct our _____